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News Behind the News

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Political Jigsaw Pieces Fit.
Roosevelt Aiming at Legal Issue.
Two Years' Legislation in One.
President's Tour to Open '36 Fight.

Puzzle-- On the surface it appears that the vaunted publicity and political strategy of the New Deal has gone stale. Only cursory answers have been made to the growing crescendo of opposition argument. No campaign to offset it effectively has been attempted. The New Dealers appear to be content to follow a passive policy of rebuttal.

The president has, in the past six months, made fewer speeches than silent Cal did in his most taciturn moods. President Roosevelt has dropped a few offhand replies at his press conferences twice a week, but has shunned all current radio and speaking invitations.

He has submitted to congress a difficult legislative program, the political wisdom of which is doubted or not understood by many of his legislative leaders. He has insisted on keeping congress here to enact the program at a physically inopportune time, when the weather and the strained tempers of legislators make such a course appear to be illogical.

This does not seem to make sense to the average outsider and most of the insiders, but to the few at the top who have been let in on the long-range program, it is not as confusing as it sounds. It may appear to be an impossible political picture puzzle, but the pieces generally fit in if you know the combination.

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Heading-Up-- You can find one combination in what is happening in the courts.

These decisions you are now reading about are only preliminary. The real issues about the constitutionality of AAA, TVA, etc., will be raised in the fall after congress adjourns. That is when the supreme court will render the final opinion.

What this opinion will be is not now known, but most good lawyers suspect it will not be entirely favorable to the New Deal.

While the lower courts are now differing, Mr. Roosevelt is trying to get legislation from congress which will accentuate the legal issue (Wagner law, Guffey bill). The constitutionality of these also will be decided by the supreme court before the next election.

Consequently, both in the courts and in congress, Mr. Roosevelt is heading up toward a legal issue which may dominate all others. What he will do about it will not be decided by him but by the supreme court. Whether he will advocate a constitutional amendment to strengthen federal authority or a milder course depends on the coming decisions.

At any rate, anything said on this subject now will be obsolete in a few months.

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Double-Up-- The other fundamental phase behind current "illogical" procedure is merely a continuation of the basic strategy Mr. Roosevelt adopted with congress six months ago. He has made little effort to conceal the fact that he wanted congress to do two years' work this year and why.

Congress is a forum for the opposition. When it adjourns, the president dominates the Washington scene. If he can get enough legislation now to last until after election, the coming January session of congress will not amount to much. He can get rid of the boys in short order, and thus avoid the necessity of having it on his hands in a campaign year.

The legal issue has arisen since Mr. Roosevelt started on that legislative course, but it has not changed his purpose.

If the supreme court treats his New Deal kindly this fall, he can still get away with a brief January session. If it does not, all the current criticisms and attacks can be centered into that one issue and carried into the campaign.

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Waiting-- In view of these situations the Roosevelt strategists (meaning largely Mr. Roosevelt himself) consider that it would be a waste of ammunition to unmask their defense guns now. From all standpoints it is obviously too early. Furthermore, congress is still looking over Mr. Roosevelt's shoulder. When it adjourns, the president's transcontinental tour will start.

This will be the opening salvo of the '36 campaign. From then on, the firing from the masked publicity batteries of the New Deal will be increasingly heavier.

Whether this strategy will succeed or fail in any particulars, or whether it is a wise course may be a debatable subject but at least it explains many things which are now otherwise unexplainable.

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Heroism-- The president is said to have convinced his capitol advisers of the wisdom of this course during conference on the way to and from Jefferson Island last weekend. That is why they returned to Capital Hill with the word that they thought this session of congress would last a long time yet. However, they did not seem to be very eager about it, although they did start some activity to push the tax bill along.

Later, a front man at the treasury surveyed the congressional situation and reported confidentially to the president that "only heroic efforts" would keep congress in session until the tax program is enacted.

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Saboteur-- One left-wing congressman has on his desk a pair of wooden shoes known as "sabots." He says he is going to present them to Presidential Secretary Marvin McIntyre, whom he calls a "saboteur."

The reason is that the congressman tried for a month to see the president, but was never able to arrange a conference, though he was a leader in the fight for the TVA amendments.

Finally he boiled over and sent a message to the president through another channel, saying: "I am through trying to see the president. If he wants to talk to me, he can call me at my office."

A few minutes later, the phone rang and the president was at the other end of the wire, addressing the congressman by his first name.

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Former King May Fly Back

Believe Trip to Athens Planned by George.

LONDON, ENGLAND (AP)—Former King George of Greece has ordered an airliner to stand by at Croydon air field to fly him to Athens, it was learned Saturday when Capt. William Leslie, the pilot, confirmed that he was awaiting instructions.

Neither the former king nor his aide, Major Levides, could be reached this afternoon.

Meanwhile, a 24-hour political crisis was ended without disorder Saturday as Greece settled down under a reshuffled cabinet in which Premier Panayoti Tsaldaris and Gen. George Kondylis again were collaborators.

The success of the Kondylis maneuver and his retention in the cabinet were hailed as a victory for Royalists, brightening the prospects for early restoration of the monarchy.

Tsaldaris managed to retain the Republican Khalis as minister of interior and ruled out Theotokis, a militant Royalist. The new ministry contains two new Royalists and three new Republicans.

'Two-Gun' Related 'To Napoleon Clan'

Mother Calls Him Descendant of French Hero.

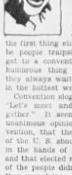
LOS ANGELES, CAL. (N.E.A.)—"Two-Gun Louie" Alterie, slain Chicago gang leader, Saturday had been called a descendant of Napoleon Bonaparte, by his mother, 72-year-old Mrs. Mary Lane.

"His father was of French descent," Mrs. Lane, who has married a second time, declared, "and his great-great grandfather was a direct relative of Napoleon."

Lawyers Meet And Perspire

To The Des Moines Tribune:

SANTA MONICA, CAL.—Well, the lawyers of the state can Bar association convention leaving us, think they had a good time. Like all conventions didn't do anything, no convention ever did anything.



If this country ever come civilized, the first thing eliminated would be people traipsing around to get to a convention. And the humorous thing about 'em is they always wait and hold 'em in the hottest weather.

Convention slogans should be, "Let's meet and perspire together." It seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the convention, that the management of the U. S. should be entirely in the hands of lawyer judges and that elected representatives of the people didn't know what they was doing.

Yours, Will Rogers.

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International News Photo.

"I love my wife and have been loyal to her," declared Buster Keaton, movie comedian, about his estranged wife, Mrs. Leah Keaton, seen in Los Angeles apartment she rented after leaving Keaton home in Beverly Hills, Cal. Mrs. Keaton has filed suit for divorce, mentioning Mrs. Leah Sewell.

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Mrs. Sewell Wins Alimony

To Get $1,000 Monthly Pending Trial.

LOS ANGELES, CAL. (U.N.E.)—Mrs. Leah Clampitt Sewell, one of the principals in the notorious "wife swapping" divorce case and more recently named in the Buster Keaton divorce suit, Saturday had won alimony of $1,000 monthly, pending trial of her separate maintenance action against Barton Sewell, millionaire yachtsman.

In addition to awarding alimony to Mrs. Sewell, Judge C. L. Kincaid ordered Sewell to pay $3,700 in back bills for his estranged wife, $5,000 attorneys fees and $500 court costs.

Sewell is now in Las Vegas, Nev., where he has filed suit for divorce, but Mrs. Sewell has indicated she will fight the case on the ground the Nevada courts lack jurisdiction.

Besides being named co-respondent in the divorce action of Mrs. Mae Elizabeth Keaton, against the screen comedian, Mrs. Sewell was sued for $200,000 damages for alienation of affections by Mrs. Keaton.

Both Mrs. Sewell and Keaton denied Mrs. Keaton's charges of unconventional conduct.

First of New Schools Open

Youth Rehabilitation Program Started.

CLYDE, CAL. (AP)—The first training school in the nation for homeless youths between the ages of 16 and 21, part of President Roosevelt's youth rehabilitation program, was opened here Saturday.

Recruited from the federal transient shelters throughout California 250 "cadets" joined with prominent bay district citizens and state and federal officials in the dedicatory program.

"We believe this school will lay the foundation for a national institution to take care of the thousands of homeless boys in the United States," said Frank Y. McLaughlin, state works progress administrator.

He explained the boys at Clyde will be under semi-military discipline, but that the primary purpose of the school will be to fit them to become good citizens and to earn their own way in the world.

The youths enroll for six months and are paid from $2 to $7.50 a month while at school, in addition to being furnished food, clothing and sleeping accommodations.

Mighty Fine Fellows, Says Byrns; He's 66

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—Looking back on a quarter century and more on Capitol Hill, Speaker Joseph Wellington Byrns said Saturday that the people one meets in congress are mighty fine fellows.

The occasion of the backward look was Byrns' sixty-ninth birthday.

Young Extortionist Had Money 'Spent'

IOLA, KAN. (AP)—A 17-year-old youth who was quoted by officers as saying he had "figured out just how I was going to spend the money if I got it," was held at Fort Scott Saturday as the sender of a $15,000 extortion note to Mrs. Henry Gear, 82, of Iola.

The youth, Allen Butler Christy, was arrested Friday.

Nazi's Fist Bears Down

2 Steel Helmet Groups Are Abolished.

BERLIN, GERMANY (AP)—Nazi Germany's repressive fist bore down even more heavily Saturday on Catholics, Jews and "reactionaries" in Adolf Hitler's battle to make them subservient to his party-controlled state.

Catholic priests were warned, in a decree issued by the ministry of justice, to be careful in their comments from the pulpit Sunday on the intensified campaign against "political Catholicism."

Steel Helmet organization, described by the Nazis as "reactionary" and "subversive," were dissolved in Thuringia and parts of Silesia and property of their members confiscated.

Although the extent of measures against the Steel Helmet organization was not clear it was feared that the dissolution of the two branches—those in Schleswig and Mecklenburg were said to be next on the list—would be followed by a sweeping order abolishing the organization in its entirety.

Hitler Absent.

The Steel Helmet national chief, Minister of Labor Franz Seldte, was trying frantically Saturday to contact Reichstatthalter Hitler in order to protest against the secret police action, but the chancellery refused to divulge Hitler's address other than to say "he is out of the country."

In some quarters this was interpreted as meaning that Der Fuehrer was on a cruise off the coast of Norway.

Jews were warned not "to make martyrs of themselves." Julius Streicher, Nazi sub-leader and violent Jew-baiter, announced he would personally direct a campaign in Berlin to clean out the Jews or at least restrict them to a ghetto.

"Clean Up" Actors.

Even cabaret, vaudeville and circus artists were included in the latest "cleanup" movement. Secret police dissolved their international organization because of "subversive elements" alleged to be included in their membership.

The warning to the priests came in the form of a decree from the ministry of justice to all state prosecutors to prosecute "political Catholicism without regard to personal position."

"Quick proof of malodeia," says the order "must be followed by even quicker punishment."

High Treason.

The minister specifically notified the prosecutors that in some cases "political Catholicism" may be considered high treason against the state and party and therefore subject to the new people court. The court, dreaded throughout the land, has the power to impose the death penalty for treason against the state.

Catholic circles were informed that the Vatican, through its envoy, Cesare Orsenigo, had presented a note from the Vatican to the government protesting the decree of Thursday suppressing "political Catholicism."

View Persecution As 'Regrettable'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—Comments such as "tragic" and "regrettable" were heard on Capitol hill Saturday as legislators read dispatches telling of Nazis harassing Catholics and Jews.

No statement was made by the state department or the White House.

Riots Bring Out Reserves

Forces Guard Against Second Outbreak.

PARIS, FRANCE (AP)—Police reinforcements were pressed into service Saturday in the government's effort to another any recurrence or continuation of violent demonstrations of protest against Premier Laval's economy pay cuts.

Thousands of war veterans and railroad and government employes who jammed the Place De L'Opera with cries of "Hang Laval" and chants of "The Internationale," continued their demonstration and fighting throughout the night in defiance of the government order which expressly forbade such manifestations.

Despite the order, the police displayed a minimum of activity. The mobile guards and the mounted Republican guards were equally restrained, the government apparently preferring to regard the demonstrations as a safety valve outlet for its critics' emotions.

Shot by Nelson; Can Collect $3,500

Wisconsin Man Reimbursed by Bill for Injury.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—Carl C. Christensen was entitled Saturday to collect $3,500 from the federal treasury for personal injuries received on Apr. 22, 1934, when he was shot by the late George (Baby Face) Nelson at Goerner's resort near Manitowish, Wis.

President Roosevelt signed a bill by Senator Duffy (Dem., Wis.) reimbursing Christensen in full for his injury.

Christensen, who was constable of the town of Spider Lake Vilas county, was assisting federal agents in their hunt for John Dillinger.

AT PLAYGROUNDS HERE

Too intent on their handicraft work to notice cameraman, these group carried out instructions of the playground supervisor at Walker park. All types of recreation are offered at Des Moines parks during summer months.

Dancing class at Walker park playground "dos-a-dos"-ed to satisfaction of playground teacher. Left to right: Lucrecia Serra, James Guidicessi, Frances Leo, Tony Ausilio and Dorothy Serra.

Arbiters May Convene Soon

Might Relieve League in African Crisis.

ROME, ITALY (AP)—Belief that a session of the League of Nations council on the Italo-Ethiopian dispute may be avoided was expressed in authoritative circles here Saturday.

It was based on an equally authoritative report that the Italo-Ethiopian conciliation committee which recently abandoned its session in Scheveningen, the Netherlands, may shortly meet again.

The meeting would be to select a fifth, neutral member as arbiter. With this accomplished and conciliation efforts resumed, it was felt here that the league session which admittedly would prove embarrassing to many members of that body, would be unnecessary.

Meanwhile it was indicated that the Italian foreign office viewed the Ethiopian situation with "great seriousness." An authoritative source said that this was the feeling following receipt of the official Ethiopian text of Emperor Haile Selassie's speech on Thursday.

Japan was drawn into the Italo-Ethiopian situation Saturday.

Complaints.

At Tokio the counselor for the Italian embassy visited the foreign office to complain that the Japanese press was hostile to Italy.

Eiji Amau, chief of the foreign office publicity bureau, replied with a similar accusation against the Italian newspapers.

Emperor Haile Selassie at Addis Ababa, reiterated his charge that peace was being "drowned in the blood and tears of war launched by Italy" and asserted that "this empire will defend its territory to the last man for the preservation of our deathless record of never having been conquered."

"Just Like England."

In London the British cabinet moved toward the formulation of a definite decision regarding Great Britain's policy at the forthcoming session of the League of Nations council on the Italo-Ethiopian dispute.

Luigi Pirandello, Italian playwright and Nobel prize winner of 1934, Saturday declared that Italy is entering Ethiopia as England entered America when it was the land of the Indians. He was in New York on his first visit to America in eleven years.

U. S. Senate Watches Munition Makers

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—Twenty agents of the senate's munitions investigation committee have been ordered to keep a sharp eye out for any sign that American manufacturers are doing business with Italy or Ethiopia.

The agents also have been directed to watch and see if any American bankers are working in the interests of either of the quarreling nations.

RINGER!

International News Photo.

Senator Henrik Shipstead, Farmer-Laborite of Minnesota, champion of recreation for the young, showed how he pitches horseshoes. Shipstead championed boys' cause after Washington, D. C., police had barred them from pitching in an alley.

Clashes, Hope Vie in Strike

Guards Quell Riot in Northwest.

SEATTLE, WASH. (AP)—New violence mingled with added employment and hopes for settlement in the Pacific northwest lumber strike middle Saturday.

There was increased bitterness between strike pickets and national guard troops on duty at Hoquiam or Grays Harbor where five persons were injured and one was arrested Friday night.

Guardsmen quelled the riot when they charged with fixed bayonets after strike sympathizers had routed policemen.

At Portland, Ore., however, the sawmill and timber workers union agreed to accept, with one variation, an offer of mill operators which would increase wages and permit collective bargaining.

The workers insisted that minimum men be discharged from three plants where they had been employed, pending compliance would return 1,000 men to work immediately.

Alaskan Rescue Ship Rams Reef

'Polar Bear' Awaits Arrival of Coast Guard Cutter.

SEATTLE, WASH. (AP)—Rammed on a reef at Dry Spruce island in Kupreanof strait, the historic Alaskan motorship Polar Bear, formerly the Margarita, Saturday waited the arrival of the coast guard cutter Calypso from the southwest.

Gallantly the Polar Bear, owned by the Kodiak Guides association, does not carry a crew of more than five men.

The Polar Bear is widely known along the Alaskan coast, having participated in several rescues, including that of Father Bernard R. Hubbard, the glacier priest, and two companions at Katmai river on Apr. 20, 1932.

Comstock Again Rules Michigan 'Old Guard'

CHEBOYGAN, MICH. (AP)—Former Gov. William A. Comstock was back in the saddle Saturday as the undisputed leader of old guard democracy in Michigan.

Elmer B. O'Hara, indicted chairman of the state central committee and foe of Comstock, had been swept out of the party.

Metal Hunting Dog.

AUGUSTA, GA. (AP)—The outstretched metal leg of a dog's statue morning the radiator cap of W. F. Yonce impaled a flying quail.

Doctors Remove Gland of Shrinking Man.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (AP)—Modern surgery came to the aid of Hans Nelson of Minneapolis Saturday. At University hospital, doctors performed an operation in hope of halting the shrinking process that has taken 18 and one-half inches from Nelson's height.

After prolonged and careful study of the case of the 52-year-old Minneapolis painter, surgeons removed the over-active parathyroid glands that were blamed for Nelson's malady.

Hope to Hall Queer Malady

Property to Go Back to Groups

Soviet President Says Local Nationalization Illegal.

MOSCOW, RUSSIA (AP)—All the property of workers cooperative organizations which has been nationalized in the Russian Socialist Federation of Soviet Republics, comprising the bulk of the Soviet union, Saturday was ordered returned to the owners within one month.

President Kalinin signed the decree declaring the nationalization illegal, ordering the cancellation of all orders for confiscation, and threatening prosecution of local authorities giving such orders in the future.

Any proposals to convert cooperative property to the national use hereafter will be decided by the central government alone, the decree said.

Request Release Of Two Suspects

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP)—Chicago authorities Saturday requested the release of a man and woman held in Eau Claire, Wis., on suspicion that they were Mrs. Evelyn Dutch, 35, and Harry Jung, 30, sought in the "swamp murder" of Ervin Lang.

Lieut. Thomas Kelly of the state's attorney's police said investigation had established that the two prisoners were L. D. Gamaro and Helen Whitlow, both of Washington. Gamaro, Kelly said, was former chauffeur for Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York, when LaGuardia was in congress.

12 Eyes Plead With Mother

She Left Children for Father Divine.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Mrs. Madeline Green, a Negro, walked past her six children and out of the courtroom.

Six pairs of frightened eyes followed her. Six tear stained faces turned toward the kindly man on the bench.

Justice Samuel D. Levy looked down at them, directed softly that the children be placed in care of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Then they were herded out of the courtroom—motherless so far as the mother herself was concerned—by their father, Samuel N. Green, a postal clerk.

Youngest Not There.

Green had subpenaed his wife to court. He charged she had deserted him and their seven children—the youngest, John, 3, was not in court—to join the strange cult of the Negro "Father" Divine, whose thousands of Negro and white followers acclaim him as the reincarnation of God.

"They stood there facing each other, the mother and her children.

Tells Story.

Mrs. Green told her story.

"I had been attending the meetings of Father Divine," she said, "and learning more and more of his teachings. I desired to live like that—to live according to the teachings of Christ, to live a life of sacrifice. Everything she made before sacrifice. Nothing else matters. I couldn't live with my husband, that would be living in the flesh and living in the flesh is sin.

"You didn't feel that you were doing wrong by deserting your children?" interposed the court.

Sacrifice All.

"No," she replied. "It is obvious in a life of sacrifice you must sacrifice all for God. If we were to live together I still couldn't care for the children. They're not mine any more."

"Don't you remember when Christ said, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me,'" the justice said, almost pleadingly. "Your children are alive. Look at them. You just can't disregard them. It's against the teachings of Christ."

Mrs. Green smiled, patiently.

Judge Berates Her.

"There is nothing I can do," she said softly. "I've given my life to God."

Exasperated, the justice berated her.

"Your children are alive and you have no love for them," he shouted.

Only the click of her heels mingled with the sobs of the children as she left.

Could Supply Own Paper

But Wallace Doubts Wisdom of Move.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—Secretary Wallace expressed the opinion Saturday that United States could fill its own needs for pulpwood and paper, but questioned the advisability of "self-sufficiency" in this industry.

In a report to the senate, Wallace said expansion of the pulp industry would cut off imports, and possible benefits might be "offset by losses of foreign markets" for other commodities. The report was made in response to a resolution introduced by Senator Hale (Rep., Me.) in the last congress.

A move now is still under way in federal loans for development of paper pulp from pine in the southern states.

Hale and representatives of the lumber industry plan to ask the state department to place a tariff restriction on imports from Canada as a boon to the pulp industry in the United States.

Aircraft Style Show Is Opened at Detroit

DETROIT, MICH. (AP)—The latest thing in fast and luxurious aircraft, a collection valued at one million dollars, went on display Saturday at the opening of the all-American aircraft show. The exhibition is being held at the city airport and will continue until July 29.

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